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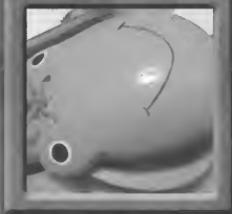
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Some things just make you feel good.
This one makes noise and it looks
silly—my favorite combo! I pick it up
and think, "Ah... so silly! So nice. Tee hee."
Before I know it, the tension just runs
right out of me. But then I remember
that deadline... Yikes!

— Yoshiyuki Nishi

Yoshiyuki Nishi was born in Tokyo. Two of his favorite manga series are *Dragon Ball* and the robot-cat comedy *Doraemon*. His latest series, *Muhyo & Roji's Bureau of Supernatural Investigation*, debuted in Japan's *Akamaru Jump* magazine in 2004 and went on to be serialized in *Weekly Shonen Jump*.



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Dramatis Personae

The Story

Magic law is a newly established practice for judging and punishing the increasing crimes committed by spirits; those who use it are called "practitioners."

One day, Roji receives a package from the Magic Law Association containing two things: a Pen of Wards (used to create wards for fighting ghosts) and an invitation to take part in the annual advancement test. When Muhyo tells him he has to wait at least three years, Roji takes a risk so that Muhyo will notice him, inadvertently putting Nana in danger. Muhyo acknowledges the now-repentant Roji's determination, so the two leave for the association's headquarters. Waiting for them is Enchu, summoner of evil spirits and Muhyo's former classmate. Hopes were high for Enchu during his Magic Law School days, but Muhyo took the only available Executor position once his talent blossomed. The death of Enchu's mother was the last straw. His personality collapsed, leaving only twisted spite for Muhyo and a desire for revenge. Since then, he has been scheming to bring down Muhyo, Muhyo's friends, and the Magic Law Association itself. With the help of Muhyo's old classmate, Judge Yoichi, Muhyo and Roji are able to fend off Enchu's attack. The two return home unharmed...for now.

Yoichi Himukai (Yoichi)



Judge and Muhyo's former classmate. Expert practitioner of all magic law except execution.

Nana Takenouchi (Nana)



Kenji's neighbor and aspiring photographer. Doesn't get along well with Muhyo but is a fan of Roji's tea.

Kenji



Friend of Muhyo and Roji since they saved him from a marauding ghost. A bit of a troublemaker.

Genius elite practitioner of magic law, one of the youngest to achieve the highest rank of "Executor." Always calm and collected (though sometimes considered cold due to his tendency to make harsh comments), Muhyo possesses a strong sense of justice and has even been known to show kindness at times. Sleeps a lot to recover from the exhaustion caused by his practice. Likes: *Jabin* (a manga). Dislikes: interruptions while sleeping.

Toru Muhyo (Muhyo)



Jiro Kusano (Roji)

Assistant at Muhyo's office and a "Second Clerk," the lowest of the five ranks of practitioners of magic law. Roji cries easily, is meek and gentle, and has been known to freak out in the presence of spirits. Irritated at his own inability to help Muhyo, Roji has devoted himself to studying magic law. Likes: tea and cakes. Dislikes: scary ghosts and scary Muhyo.



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SOMEONE'S THERE

HEY,
MUHYO!
WE'RE
BACK!

WE WERE
ONLY GONE
FOR TWO
DAYS BUT IT
FEELS LIKE
FOREVER,
HUH?

WHO'D
HAVE
THOUGHT
THE ASSO-
CIA-TION'D
BE SO
EXCITING.

WHAT
A TRIP
THAT
WAS.

AND...
HE'S
ASLEEP.





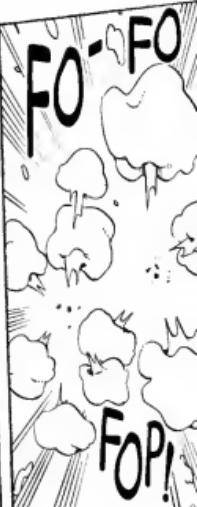


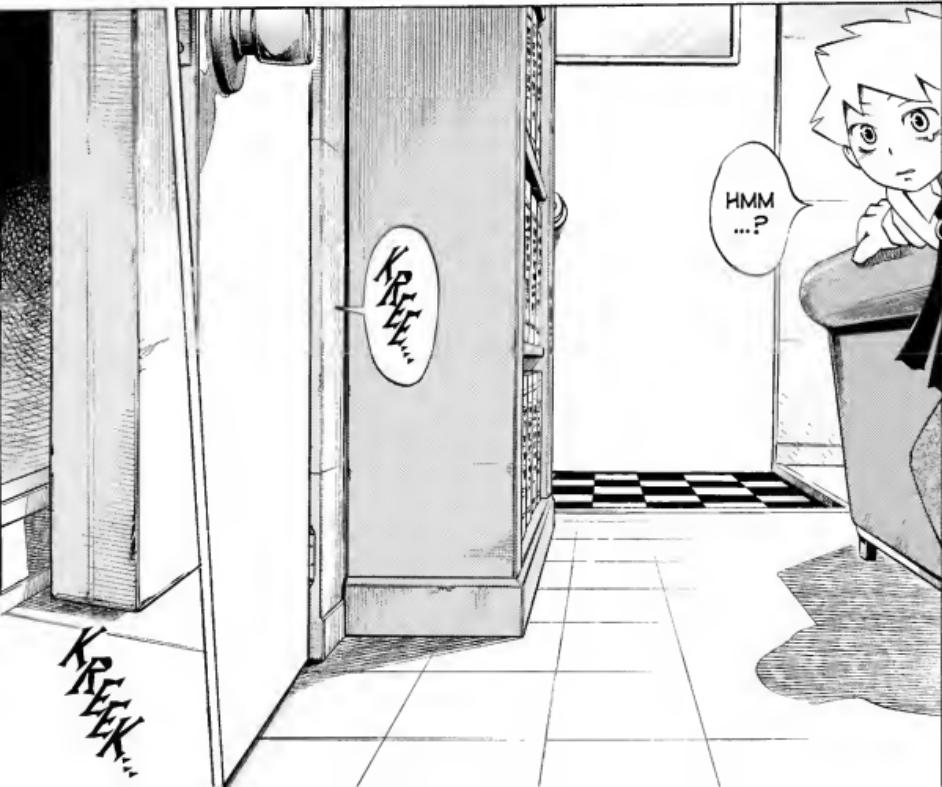




SUUU

WARD
OF
BINDING!!!



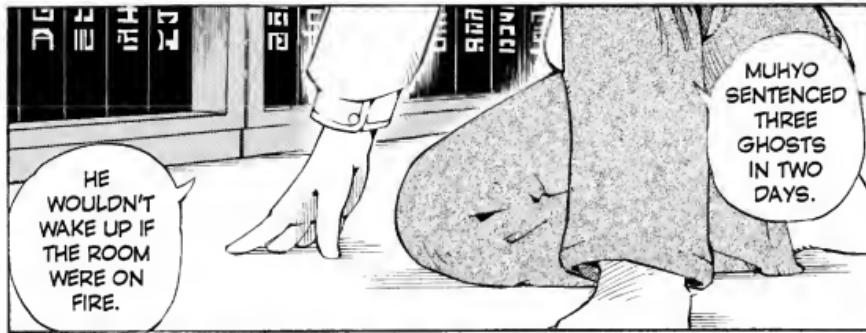




IT'S
THE
WIND,
MAN.

THE
WIND.

K
LUNK



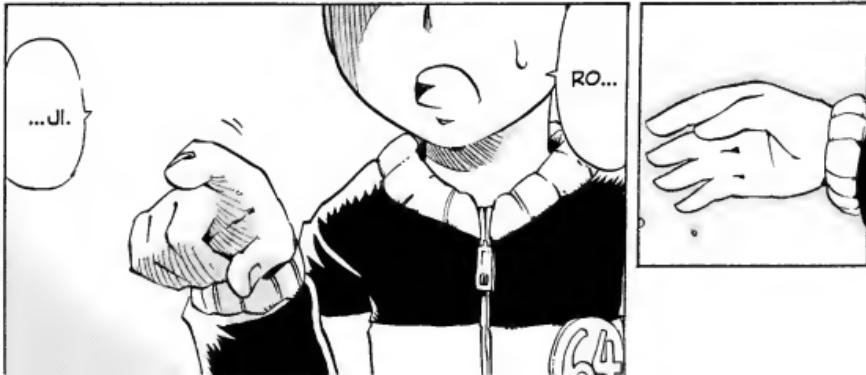
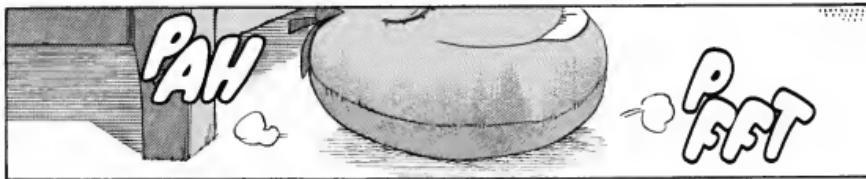


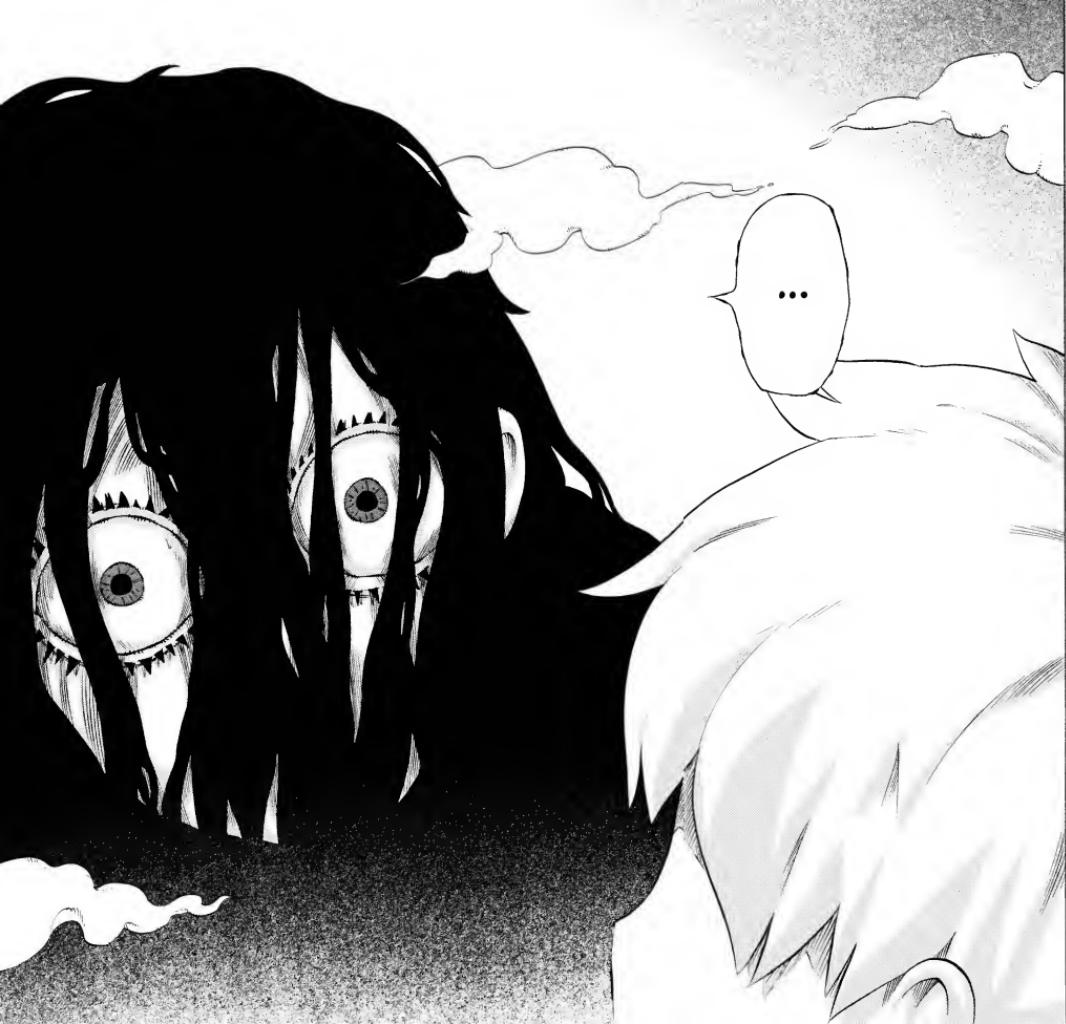
















KENJI SATO

BIRTHDAY: DECEMBER 7

HEIGHT: 135 CM

LIKES: HAMBURGERS

BALLS (WILL THROW ANYTHING ROUND)

JABIN (A DEVOTED READER FOR TWO YEARS)

TALENTS: ALL SPORTS

RUNNING AWAY

PLAYING PRANKS

NOT GOOD WITH: STUDYING

SITTING AT A DESK

PLAYING THE RECORDER

CARROTS

ALL KINDS OF ONIONS



SO HOW
COME MY
INTRO CAME
AFTER YOURS,

NANA?

I WAS

FIRST!



HMM, I
WONDER...

ARTICLE 16

LURKER IN THE GRASS





ARTICLE 16

LURKER IN THE GRASS

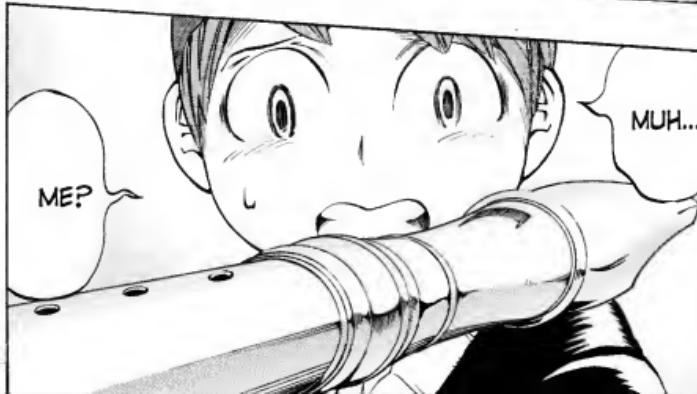






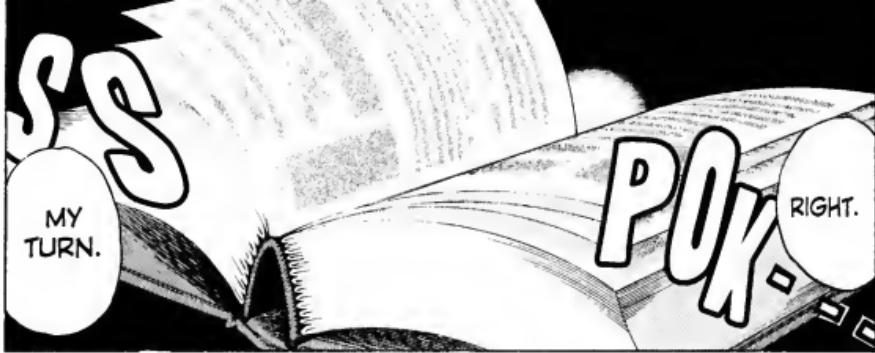












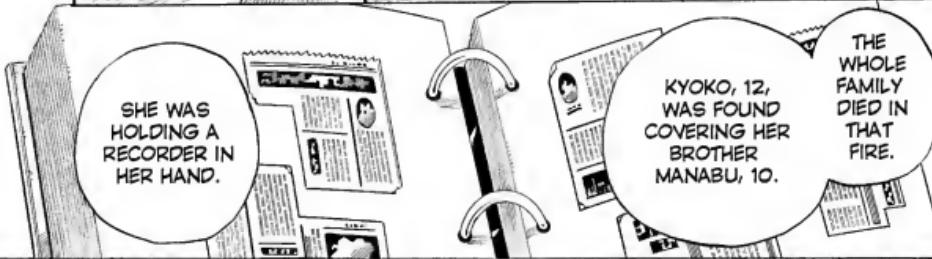
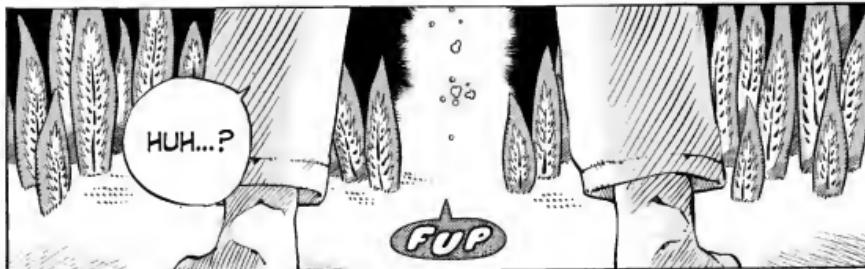
















KEH
KEH
KEH.

AH HA!
THE
TRUTH!

To Kyoko
and Manabu,
Hope you
like this.
-Kenji

I-I
MEAN
PRACTICE
THE
RECORDER!

I-I'M
NOT A
BURGLAR!
I CAME TO
READ YOUR
JABIN-



INTRODUCING
THE Q & A CORNER,
WHERE I ANSWER SOME
FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS AND SOME
UNUSUAL ONES.
LET'S BEGIN...

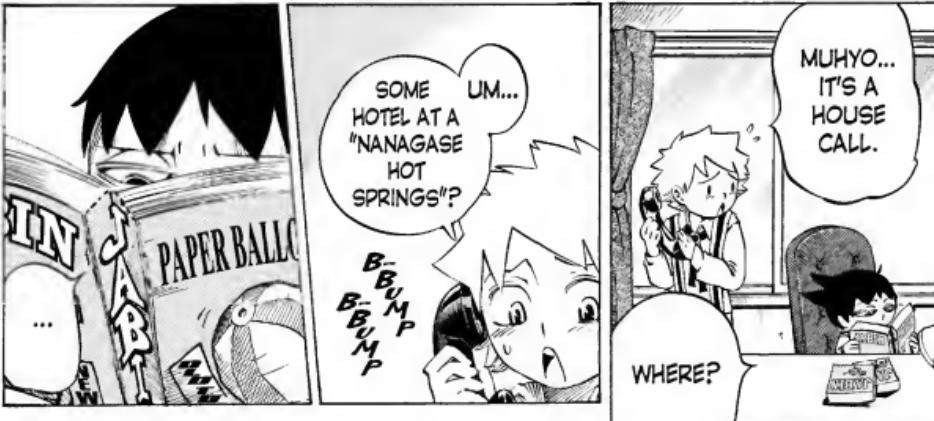
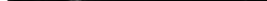
Q: ARE YOU A GIRL?
YOUR MANGA STYLE'S
KIND OF...GIRLISH.

A: I'M VERY MUCH A *DUDE*.
BUT MAYBE INSIDE I'M
A GIRL. HMM...

ARTICLE 17

THE GHOST WRITER







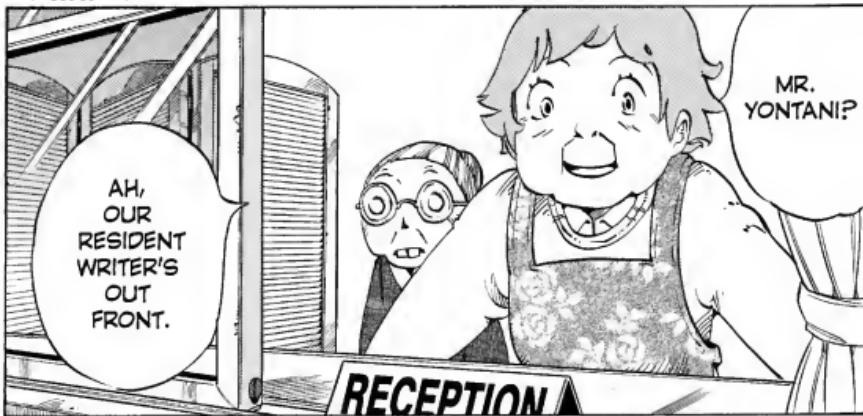
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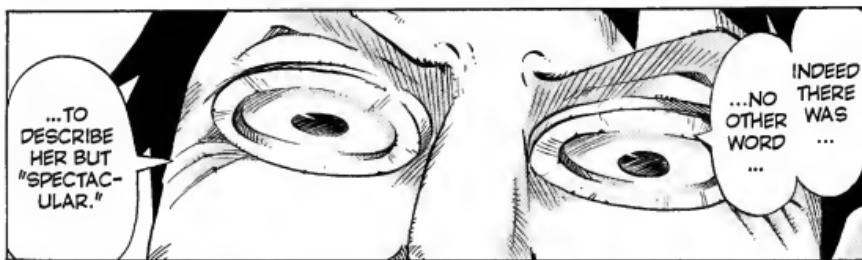






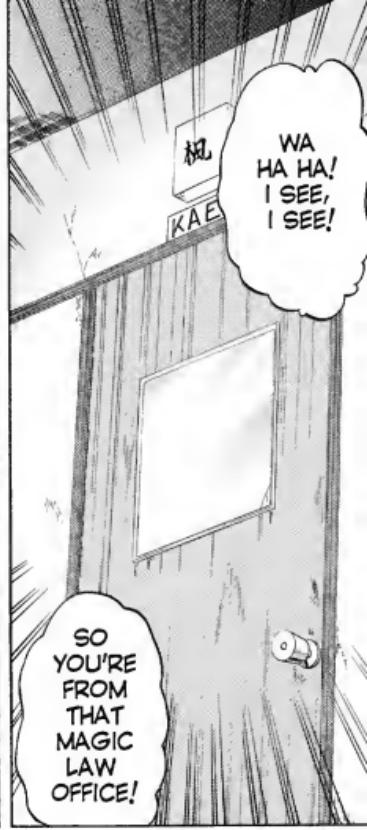
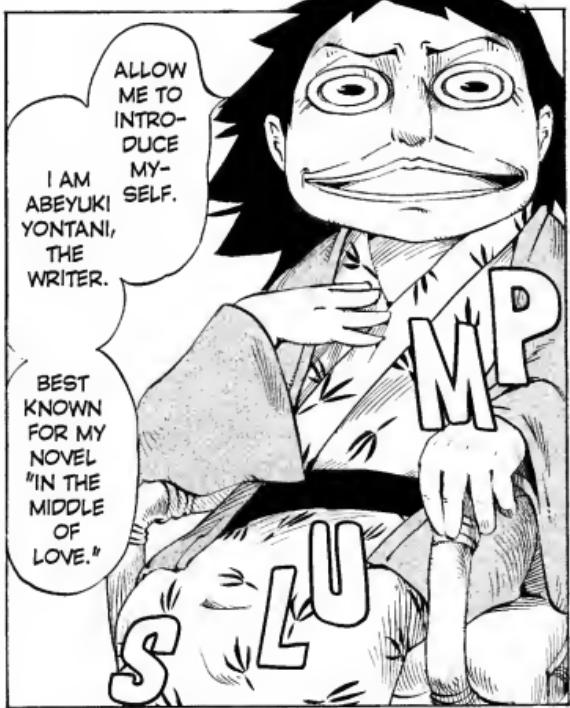




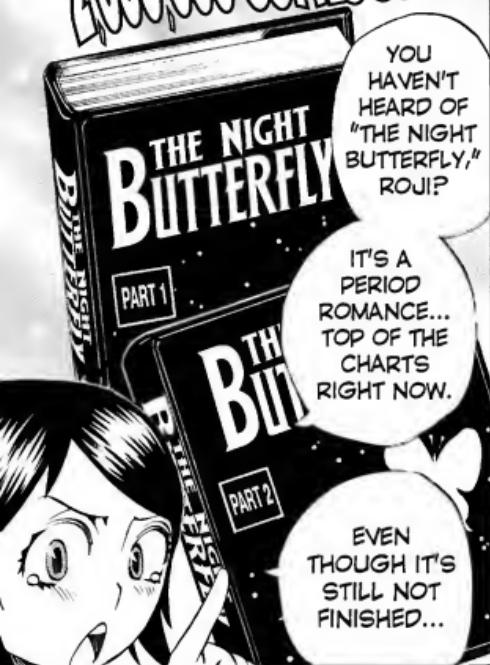


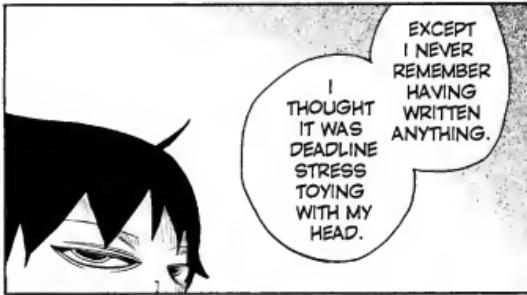




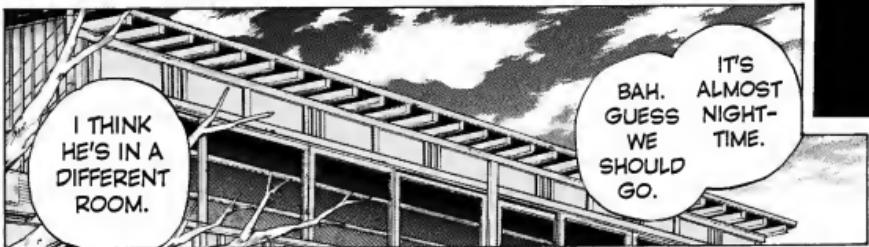


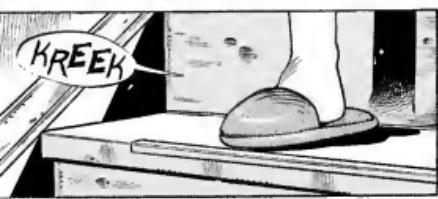
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Nana's Photo Album

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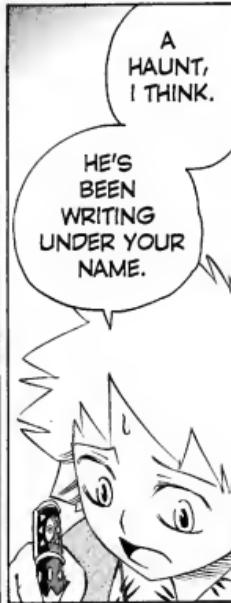
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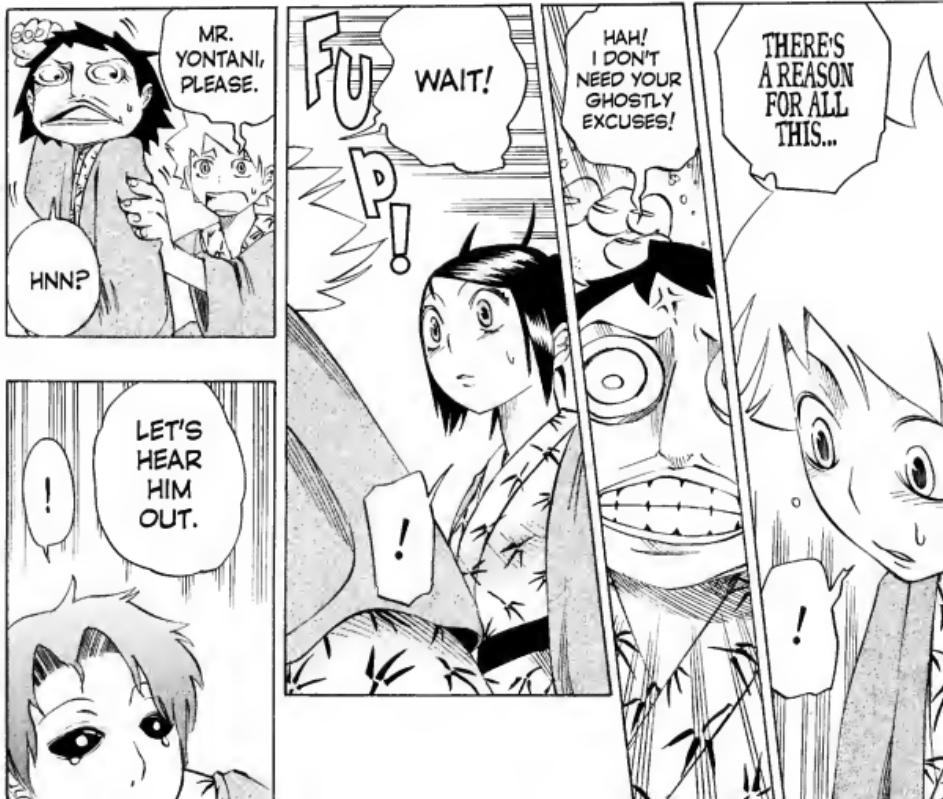


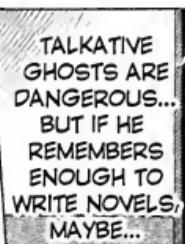


























HUH?

MUHYO...

AND
CRIMES...
ARE
CRIMES.

SEE?

SPOK
:::



THE LAWS
OF MAGIC,
ARTICLE BB2-
FOR THE CRIME OF
UNAUTHORIZED
EXTENDED
LINGERING...



...AND THE
CRIME OF
UNAUTHORIZED
FACIAL
TRANSFERENCE
...



AND HE'S
GETTING
ALONG WITH
EVERYONE...

M-MUHYO,
WAIT!
ZANSETSU
HASN'T
FINISHED...!!



ANOTHER
THING
ABOUT
YOUR
WARDS.
...



HYOO...

...YOU
NEED TO
STOP UNDER-
ESTIMATING
GHOSTS.



IF YOU
WANT TO
EVER GET
GOOD AT
THEM...



HY

OO

WHAT'S THIS?

!!

!!

IS THAT...?

I APPLAUD
YOUR ABILITY
TO RETAIN
SO MUCH OF
YOURSELF
FOR SO
LONG.

...TO THE
OWL OF NO
RETURN!

!!

I
SENTENCE
YOU...

!!







ARTICLE 19
THE NIGHT BUTTERFLY







ARTICLE 19 THE NIGHT BUTTERFLY





*SPATIAL PERMEANCE: A TYPICAL GHOST ABILITY. ALLOWS THEM TO DISAPPEAR.











...SO THAT YOU COULD WRITE THE REST!!!

I NEEDED TO WRITE THE OPENING...

ALL THE FACES I'VE COPIED...

BOY BOY BOY

AA
AAA...
AAA
AAH!!!

IT IS AS THE SORCEROR SAYS...
I ENDANGERED MANY LIVES.

HE SAID HE'LL GO.
HE'LL GO PEACE-
FULLY...

ZANETSU
CAN'T STAY ANY LONGER...

PLEASE...
WRITE IT, MR.
YONTANI.

BUT.
BEFORE
I GO...

I WILL GLADLY GO TO THE UNDER-
WORLD.

I
CAN'T
WRITE
THIS!

I
CAN'T.

YOU MUST
PROMISE ME
YOU WILL
FINISH MY
BOOK!

I HAVEN'T
WRITTEN
A WORD OF
MY OWN
IN HALF
A YEAR.

GRIP

AND,
AS YOU
WELL
KNOW...

I CAN'T
WRITE A
LOVE
STORY.

I MAY
PEEP,
AND I
MAY BE A
PERVERT,
BUT I
KNOW SO
LITTLE
ABOUT
WOMEN.

EEEEE



MY PUBLISHER LET ME GO... I WAS ALONE.

THE WORLD HAD FORGOTTEN ME...

FIVE WHOLE YEARS!!

NOT JUST HALF A YEAR...

THAT BOOK WAS MY LIFELINE!

THE NIGHT BUTTERFLY

PART 1

"THE NIGHT BUTTERFLY"...

BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, I KNEW A DEEP SENSE OF GUILT.

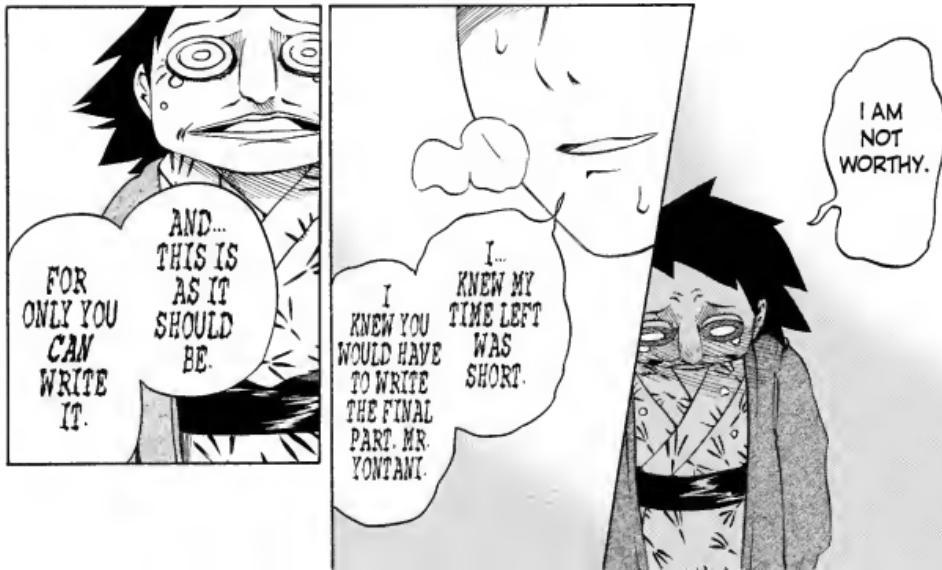
IT WAS A HIT. I BECAME RICH.

EVERY NIGHT, THE PAGES KEPT APPEARING.

AND THUS RUINED YOUR LIFE'S-NO, YOUR DEATH'S WORK!

BEFORE THE FINAL VOLUME BEGAN, I CALLED THE MAGIC LAW OFFICE...

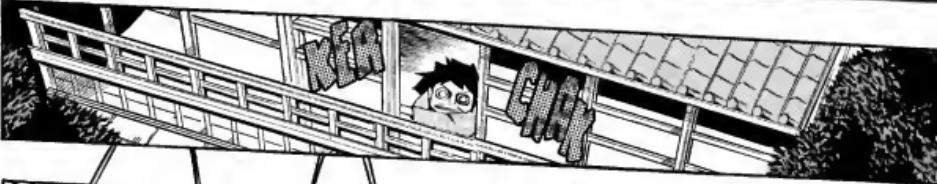
AND I TOOK THEM AS MY OWN!













HAPPINESS IS FRAGILE AND FLEETING
AS THE BUTTERFLY AT NIGHT



— THUS IT IS THE ONLY THING
OF VALUE IN THIS LIFE —



— THE ONLY THING THAT
CAN NEVER BE REPLACED. —





CAN YOU
TELL US WHAT
YOUR GUIDING
THEME WAS?

EVERYONE'S
WAITING FOR
THE FINAL
PART OF
"THE MIGHTY
BUTTERFLY..."

HMM... MY
THEME?

NO
KIDDING
...

HEE
HEE.
I'M WORRIED
ABOUT THAT
LAST PART...

WHAT!?

SAY, YOU'RE
QUITE HOT,
YOU KNOW...

YES...
AH,
ER, MY
THEME...

JOY.

THE JOY
OF LIFE.

THE NIGHT
BUTTERFLY

ZZZZ...
GLAD THINGS
WORKED OUT FOR
ZANSETSU...



WELL,
I READ
PARTS
ONE
AND
TWO,
SO I'LL
KEEP IT.
TOSS
IT.



HEY!
"THE
NIGHT
BUTTER-
FLY,"
PART
THREE!
FUNNY
AUTO-
GRAPH...

MUHYO!
WE GOT A
PACKAGE
FROM MR.
YONTAN!

WHAT?



ARTICLE 20
ARTIFICER BIKO









ARTICLE 20

ARTIFICER BIKO

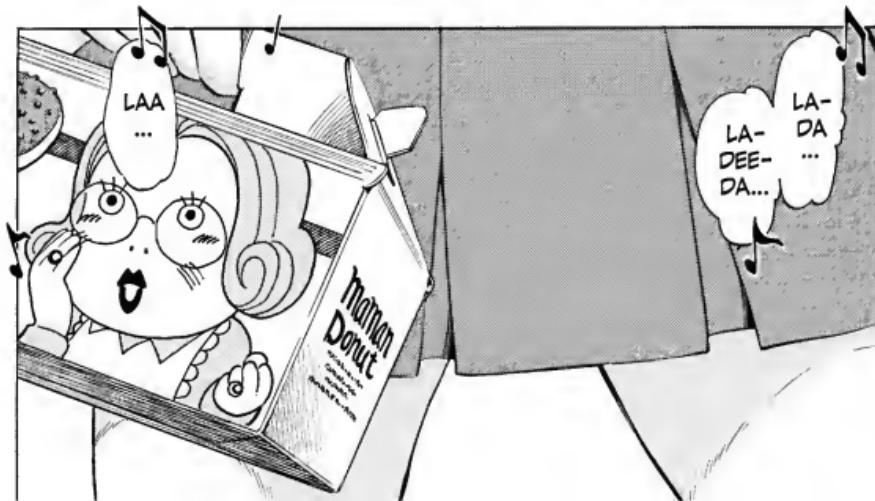
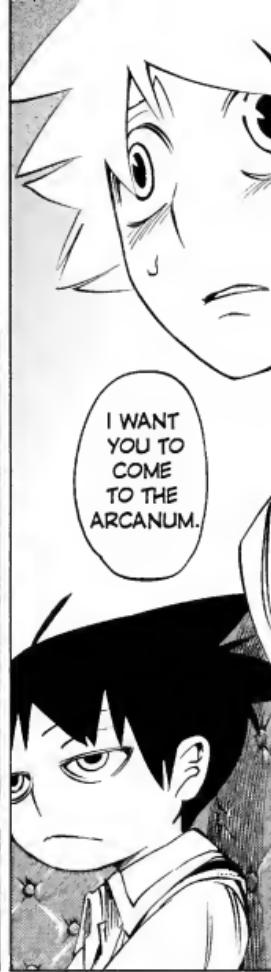






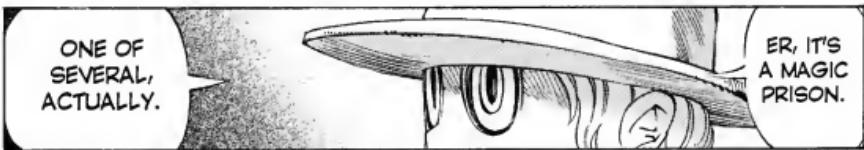


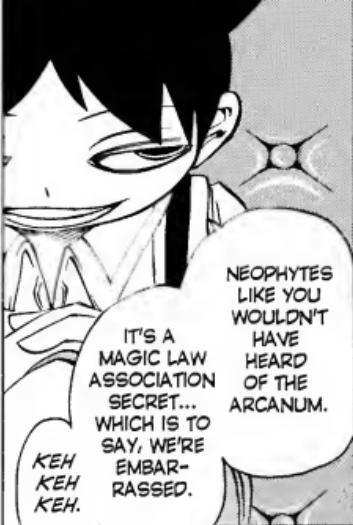


























Q: HOW OLD ARE MUHYO
AND ROJI? PLEASE
TELL US!

A: HA HA! THAT'S THE
QUESTION I GET THE
MOST! ER... 28! OH,
WAIT, THAT'S HOW OLD
I AM. YOU WANT TO KNOW
ABOUT MUHYO AND ROJI?
HMM... OKAY...

MUMBLE MUMBLE
THERE! SATISFIED?
NEXT QUESTION!
(SORRY, IT'S A SECRET
FOR NOW. BUT SOMEDAY,
ALL WILL BE REVEALED!)

ARTICLE 21

THE LANDING





ARTICLE 21
**THE
LANDING**

YU ABIKO

BIRTHDAY: FEBRUARY 28

HEIGHT: 126 CM

LIKES: CHEESE GRATIN

(THINKS RIO'S GRATIN IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD)

RAISIN BREAD

ALL FRUITS (ESPECIALLY STRAWBERRIES)

TALENTS: CLEANING

FIXING THINGS (BY TAKING THEM APART)

TAKING GOOD CARE OF STUFF

ZONING OUT (DOESN'T REALIZE IT)

NOT GOOD WITH: RUNNING (BAG'S TOO HEAVY)

CARBONATED DRINKS

LONG DISCUSSIONS







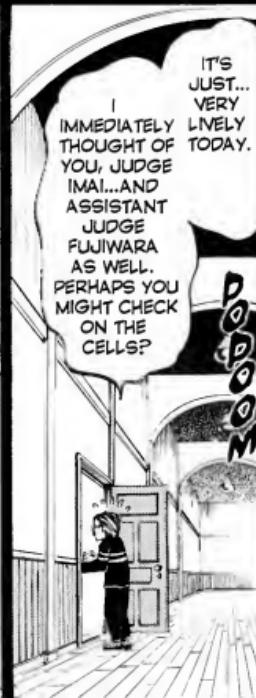
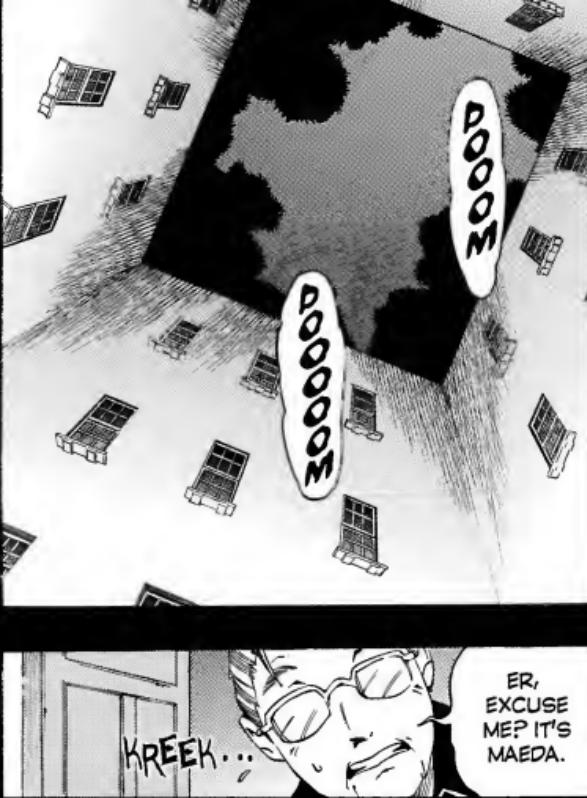




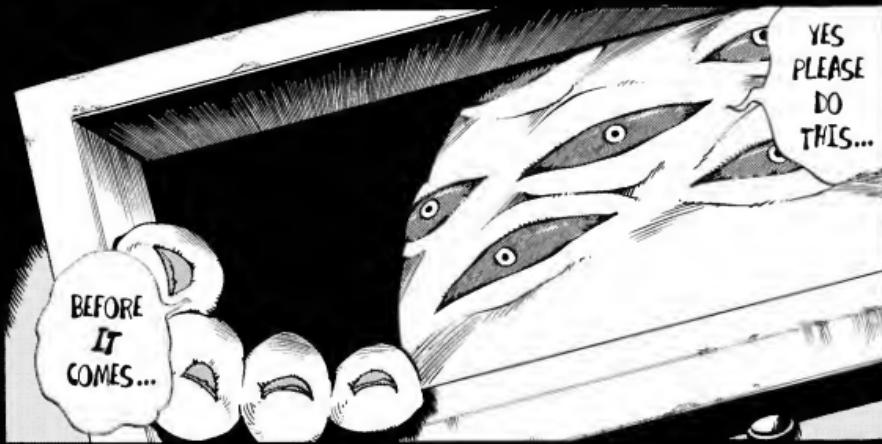






















AND IT'S
GOTTEN
REALLY,
REALLY
BORED.

YOU SEE,
IT'S BEEN IN
HERE FOR
A LONG
TIME.

WHY'S
IT STILL
HERE?
SO...
OH OH.
DEAR.

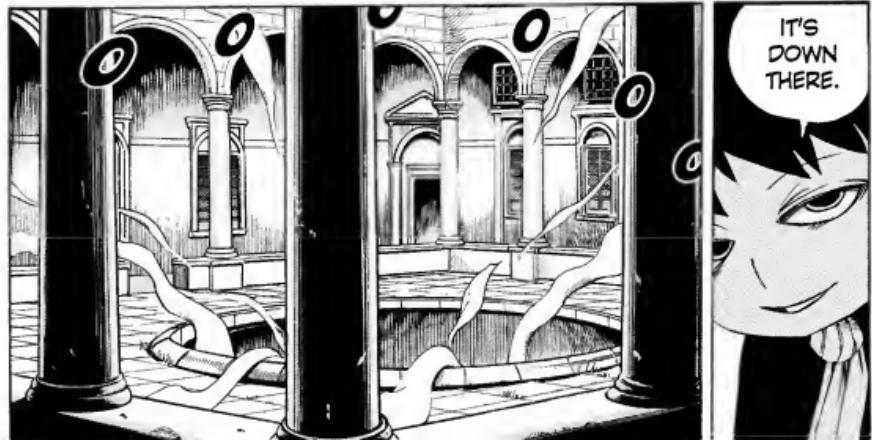
IT WAS
LIKELY WAITING
FOR SOMEONE
WHO COULD
SENTENCE A
GHOST TO
COME.

AND
HERE
WE ARE.

HEE HEE.
IT'S NO FUN
PICKING ON
SMALL FRY.

IT'S BEEN
WAITING FOR
SOMETHING
WITH A LITTLE
MORE MEAT
ON ITS
BONES...
SO TO
SPEAK.









Q: CAN YOU SEE GHOSTS IN
REAL LIFE?

A: WELL...

MR. K, MY EDITOR, ONCE
WROTE IN A BOOK JACKET
THAT I HAD A "STRONG
SENSE OF THE SUPER-
NATURAL." I'VE SEEN
PLENTY OF STRANGE
THINGS IN MY DAY, THOUGH
IT'S LESS AN ABILITY TO
"SEE GHOSTS" AND MORE
THAT PLACES TEND TO
INFLUENCE ME STRONGLY.
ESPECIALLY PLACES WITH A
FAMILY CONNECTION, WHERE
THE BLOOD RUNS DEEP, SO
TO SPEAK. AND I TEND TO
GO TO THIS KIND OF PLACE
A LOT...AND I SEE THINGS.
GHOSTS? MAYBE.

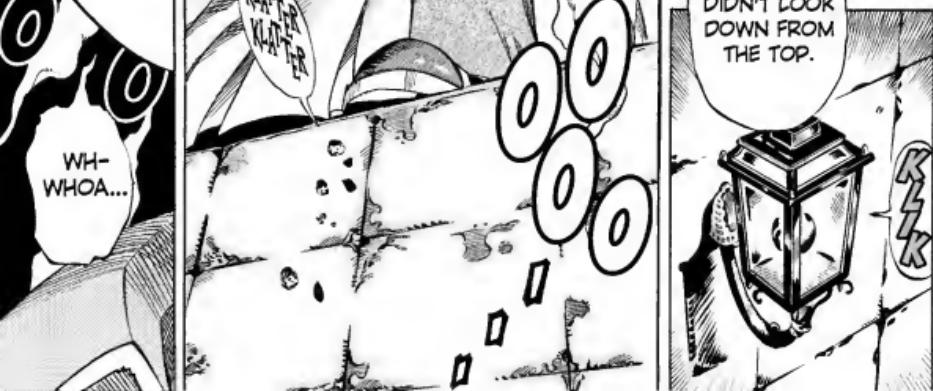
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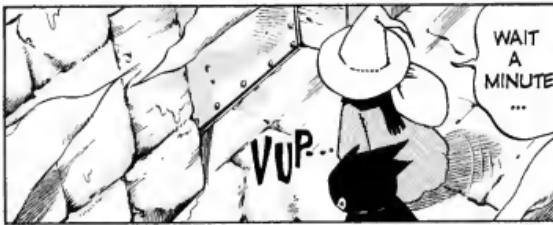


GAGON NIN N

ARTICLE 22 INTO THE ARCANUM









EVER
HEARD OF
FACE-RIPPER
SOPHIE?

ROJI...

F-FACE
RIPPER?

...?!

THE
ASSOCIATION
FINALLY CAUGHT
UP WITH HER 20
YEARS AGO.

SHE DIED, BECAME A
GHOST, AND IN THE SPAN
OF HALF A CENTURY, SHE
RIPPED THE FACES OFF OF
OVER 2,000 PEOPLE. SHE
WAS BAD. THE TERROR OF
ALL OF EUROPE.

SHE WAS
CALLED
THE "MASKED
MAIDEN" WHEN
SHE WAS
ALIVE.

KLOP







WA

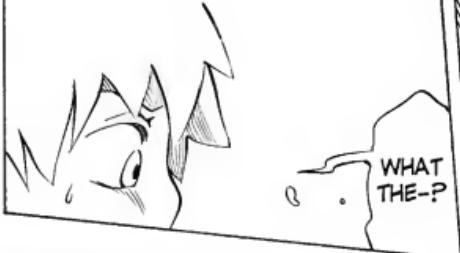
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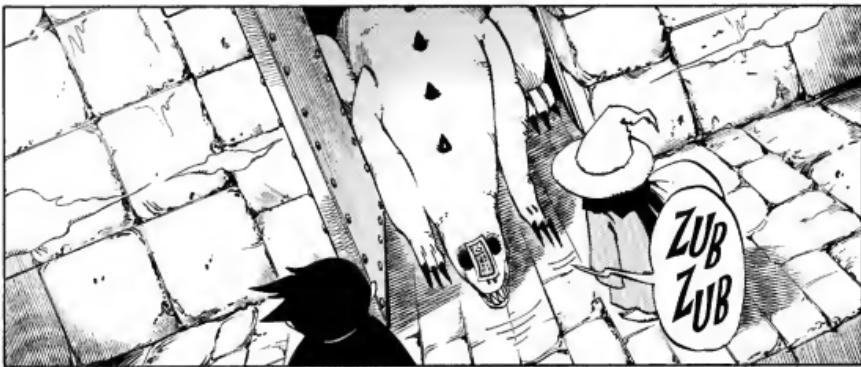
















Q: DO MUHYO AND ROJI LIVE
TOGETHER AT THE OFFICE?
WHAT DO THEY DO ON THEIR
DAYS OFF?

A: YES, THEY LIVE IN THE
OFFICE. ON DAYS OFF?
WELL, THEY'RE NOT THAT
BUSY NORMALLY ANYWAY...
BUT THEY PROBABLY DEVOUR
THE LATEST ISSUE OF JAB/N,
THEN ROJI DOES THE LAUNDRY
AND SHOPPING, AND MUHYO
TAKES A NAP. MAYBE THEY
GO FOR A WALK. THEN THEY
READ BOOKS AT A USED
BOOKSTORE AND SAY "HI"
TO THE GHOSTS THEY SEE
LURKING AFTER PASSERSBY.
HEE HEE! WHO KNOWS WHAT
THEY'RE UP TO?! :)



GET
AWAY
FROM THE
DOOR,
BIKO.

TOO
LATE.

MUHYO,
WE NEED
A SPIRIT
LOCK
DISSOLU-
TION!

UH
OH!

PERHAPS
I'LL KILL
YOU...?!

Zip
Zip

STOP

OSH



ARTICLE 23
**THE
MAD
PLANTER**

FAP !!

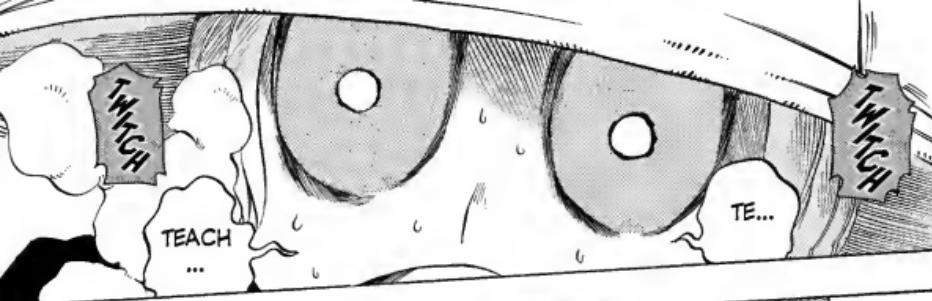


















I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT SHE SAYS...

IF MUHYO WEARS HIMSELF OUT NOW, IT'LL ALL BE FOR NOTHING!

ZIP

RIGHT ...!

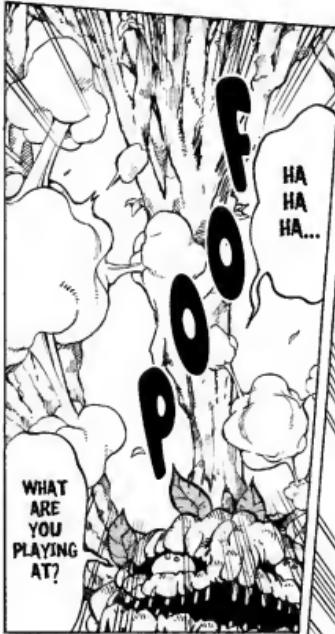
I'VE GOT HER WARDS... I CAN DO THIS!

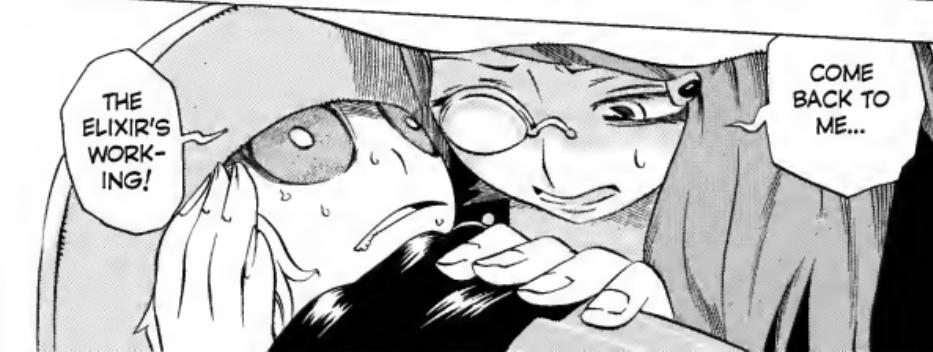
HERE GOES ...!

IT'S UP TO ME!

WHAT IS THIS!?

SHOCKED





I SEE.

NO.

I
SUPPOSE
YOU
WOULDN'T
KNOW.

FOR THE
CRIMES OF
WILLFUL
INJECTION
AND
ATTEMPTED
MURDER...

I
SENTENCE
YOU TO THE
HUNDRED
PRINCES'
HANDS!

WAIT,
MUHYO!
LET ME
TRY
AGAIN-

THE LAWS
OF MAGIC,
ARTICLE
1224...





MUHYO?

WHY
BRING
ROJI
ALONG
ANYWAY?

I WON'T HAVE A
MERE ARTIFICER
QUESTIONING MY
METHODS!

...!!

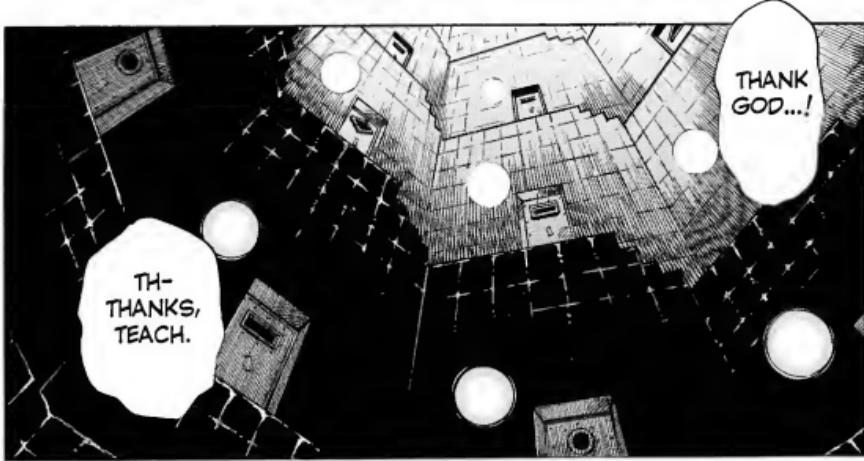
JUST
LEAVE THE
IDIOT BE.

WORRY
ABOUT HIM,
AND HE'LL
JUST GET A
SWOLLEN
HEAD.

MU...
MUHYO
...?

SILENCE!!

SHUT
UP,
RIO!





The following bonus story is something I did for *Akamaru Jump*'s summer special issue.

It was around the end of last March when I said to my editor, Mr. K, "Say, it'd be cool if I could do something with Matsui-sensei. He's at the same office and all..." To which Mr. K. responded, "That'd be cool, but probably impossible..."

Oh well, it was worth a try, I thought. But it turns out that Matsui-sensei was thinking the same thing! And before you know it, it was done. What a lot of fun that was!

Demon Detective Nogami Neuro started around the same time as my manga, so I kind of think of them as being brothers...which means when I hear *Neuro*'s getting popular, it makes me sweat a little. "Ack! I'd better keep up!"

Thanks for the project, Matsui-sensei! Let's do it again sometime!

MUHYO & ROJI'S BUREAU OF SUPERNATURAL INVESTIGATION – BONUS STORY







D-
DEMON
DETECTIVE
NEURO!!!

N-
NEURO!

YOU
KNOW
MY
NAME?
HMM?

YOU
DON'T EVEN
UNDERSTAND
THAT, MY LITTLE
MOLTING
INSECT?

IT'S P.R....
TO FILL
MY EMPTY
BELLY.

HEY!!!

AFTER
I TOOK
THE TROUBLE
TO PUT ON
THOSE EVIL
EYES...

IT'S TOUGH
HAVING SUCH
INCOMPETENT
ASSISTANTS,
EH, MUHYO?

SCUM
WILL BE
SCUM...

YOU GOT A
SPECIAL IN THE
JOURNAL OF
MAGIC LAW!!!

HE'S HERE!!!

DEMON ON THE
LOOSE!

ACK!
HE'S
RIGHT!
HOW'D
YOU GET
IN THERE?!

ROJI'S RECIPE

TODAY'S MENU

ONION RICE BOWL

HIYA. IT'S ME,
POVERTY-STRICKEN
CHEF ROJI. MY MOTTO—
"BUY DISCOUNT!"

STEW
THE CUT
ONIONS IN
YOUR SAUCE
FOR 5
MINUTES.
A FRYING PAN
WORKS WELL.

ONION RICE (FOR 2)
STUFF { 1 ONION
2 EGGS
SAUCE { 3 TBSP DASHI
1 TBSP SUGAR
1/2 CUP WATER

REMEM-
BER—
BUY
DIS-
COUNT!
♥

50 YEN

I'LL BE
MAKING
"ONION
RICE"
TODAY. IF
YOU'RE
CAREFUL,
IT'LL ONLY
COST YOU
50 YEN!!

NEXT WEEK—
VEGETABLE
CURRY!

STOP
BEFORE
YOU KILL
US ALL!

ADD A LITTLE FRIED
SOMETHING FOR REAL
FLAVOR!

I
DON'T
LIKE
ONIONS.

ONION
AGAIN?

YOU CAN
PRETEND
THERE'S
CHICKEN IN
THERE!

MIX IN
AN EGG,
LET IT
SETTLE,
AND PUT
OVER RICE!

TA DA!!

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